

BILL ANALYSIS**RESOURCES AGENCY**

DEPARTMENT California Coastal Commission	AUTHOR Mazzoni	BILL NUMBER AB 1293
SPONSORED BY California Coastal Commission	RELATED BILLS	DATE LAST AMENDED
SUBJECT Public Education		

SUMMARY

AB 1293 would amend the Coastal Act to require that the Coastal Commission's public education program also include outreach to special groups such as the boating community, and address the prevention and reduction of nonpoint source pollution. The bill would provide that the geographic extent of the Commission's education and outreach program shall not be limited to outreach conducted only in the coastal zone.

The Commission voted to support AB 1293 on March 10, 1999.

ANALYSIS

Existing Law: The California Coastal Act of 1976 requires the Commission to carry out a public education program that includes outreach efforts to schools, youth organizations, government agencies, and the general public designed to foster in Californians a sense of environmental stewardship and a desire to take personal responsibility for protecting and conserving our coast and ocean.

Changes Proposed by this Bill: AB 1293 would require that the public education program also include outreach to special groups such as the boating community, and include information on the prevention and reduction of nonpoint source pollution. The bill would provide that, because the actions of people throughout a watershed impact the coast and the ocean, the geographic extent of the commission's education and outreach program shall not be limited to outreach conducted only in the coastal zone.

Discussion: The primary purpose of this bill is to clarify the Commission's existing role and scope in carrying out its public education programs.

In May 1997, the Commission commenced a three-year Boating Clean and Green Campaign (BC&G) as part of its Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program. This grant-funded Campaign encourages environmentally sound boating practices by providing educational materials and facilitating the installation of waste recycling and disposal services for boaters in San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco Bay/Delta Counties to reduce the emissions of oil and other pollutants associated with boating. Other components of the Campaign include training and technical assistance to local governments to establish or enhance outreach efforts to boaters and marine businesses and efforts to encourage mobile boat-maintenance workers to use Best Management Practices for pollution prevention and control.

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The Commission is cooperating with entities such as the U.S. Coast Guard, the Departments of Boating and Waterways and Fish and Game, the California Integrated Waste Management Board, SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Northern and Southern California Marine Associations, local and regional agencies, and environmental organizations to implement various components of the campaign.

Recently, the Campaign has produced research and educational materials such as: the *Boating Clean and Green Survey*; the *Used Oil Collection and Related Services for Boaters in SF Bay-Delta* survey; a manual entitled *Oil Pollution Solutions for Boaters: Designing and Implementing Programs to Reduce Hydrogen Discharges*; 30,000 boater kits including oil absorbent bilge pads, key chains, magnets and information; and other reference materials. The Campaign has also co-sponsored events such as the "Used Oil Forum" in Stockton and "Boating into the 21st Century Conference" in Dana Point, and conducted education and outreach at 10 boating events and shows state-wide.

Because pollution of waters outside the coastal zone directly affects the quality of coastal waters, the extent of the BC&G Campaign and other Commission education programs should not be limited to the coastal zone. Residents of counties such as Sacramento, Fresno, San Joaquin, El Dorado, and Riverside have participated in Coastal Cleanup Day. Children of inner city schools in Los Angeles have participated in the Adopt-A-Beach Earth Day Kids Cleanup. Commission staff has disseminated the Save Our Seas Curriculum to teachers throughout the state. Finally, inland water bodies such as Lake Tahoe in El Dorado County, Lake Shasta, Englebert Lake and Scotts Flat Reservoir in Nevada County, and the San Francisco Bay Delta have all benefited from the BC&G Campaign.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal fiscal impacts as these programs are currently budgeted for and being implemented.

POSITION

The Commission voted to support AB 1293 on March 10, 1999.

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